

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 454  
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A RESOLUTION urging the Federal Energy Regulatory  
Commission to renew the license for the Tapoco  
Hydroelectric Project.

WHEREAS, the Tapoco Hydroelectric Project has been licensed since March 1, 1955,  
and applied for a renewal of licensure with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission before  
February 28, 2005; and

WHEREAS, upon the completion of a multiyear, in-depth effort, the Tapoco  
Hydroelectric Project owners have submitted a relicensure application with the Federal Energy  
Regulatory Commission; and

WHEREAS, participants in the multiyear Tapoco Project relicensing effort include state  
agencies in both Tennessee and North Carolina, the Tennessee Valley Authority, the United  
States Forest Service, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the Eastern Band of the  
Cherokee Indians, the National Park Service, local and county officials, local and national  
environmental organizations, and other local residents; and

WHEREAS, numerous state departments and agencies have provided both crucial and supportive assistance during the relicensure effort of the Tapoco Hydroelectric Project; and

WHEREAS, the relicensing of the Tapoco Hydroelectric Project is essential to the viability of the Tennessee Operations of Alcoa, Inc., one of many businesses aided by the Tapoco Project, and of vital economic impact to the region; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly strongly feels that the continued operation of the Tapoco Hydroelectric Project is important to the citizens of Tennessee and in the public interest; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby strongly urge the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to renew the license of the Tapoco Hydroelectric Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared and sent to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.